

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

By this Amendment, Applicants: cancel claim 1 without disclaimer of the underlying subject matter or prejudice against subsequent prosecution; amend claims 2-3; and add new claims 4-7. Accordingly, claims 2-7 are pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority documents, and for indicating that the drawings are acceptable.

Applicants acknowledge the indication that claim 2 appears to define subject matter that is patentable over the prior art.

Applicants note that the Office Action refers to claims 3/1 and 3/2. Applicants respectfully wish to call the Examiner's attention to the Preliminary Amendment filed on 9 September 2004 which amended claim 3 to depend only from claim 1, and no longer to be a multiple dependent claim.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

OBJECTION TO THE TITLE

By this Amendment, Applicants amend the Title to be more descriptive.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Objection to the Title be withdrawn.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants thank the Examiner for providing information about recommended section headings. However, Applicants respectfully decline to add the headings. Section headings are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 USC § 111(a), but per 37 CFR § 1.51(d) are only guidelines that are suggested for applicant's use. (See Miscellaneous Changes in Patent Practice, Response to comments 17 and 18 (Official Gazette, August 13, 1996) [Docket No: 950620162-6014-02] RIN 0651-AA75 ("*Section 1.77 is permissive rather than*

mandatory. ... [T]he Office will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 1.77")).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the Specification.

35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over Field U.S. Patent 4,000,367 ("Field").

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claim 1 without disclaimer of the underlying subject matter or prejudice against subsequent prosecution; amend claim 2 to be in independent form without any change of scope; and amend claim 3 to depend from claim 2.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-3 are now in condition for allowance.

NEW CLAIMS 4-7

Among other things, the rear projection displays of claims 4-7 all include a rear projection cabinet with a opening, wherein **a cross-section of the opening** that is in **parallel to a front surface of the projection screen** is substantially rectangular, with sides of the cross-section being curved.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art fails to disclose such a feature.

In particular, as can be most clearly seen in FIGs. 7 and 21 in Field, any **cross-section** of the opening 30 that is in a plane **parallel to the projection screen** will be rectangular, without any curved sides. As different cross-sections are taken along different "slices" of the hood 30, the size of the rectangular cross-section will change, but it will still always be a rectangle without any curves. Therefore, it is not possible for Field to provide the benefits of the rear projection display of claims 4-7.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4-7 are all patentable over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 2-7 and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283.0720 to discuss these matters.

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